

# 2024 Election Stages

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Mail & Early Voting

Task Force Advocates Edition

September 2024

# Agenda

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- ④ **Advocate Action** What you can do

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Task Force's mission is to use its expertise to help civil society and decision-makers prevent, prepare for, and mitigate a range of election crises.

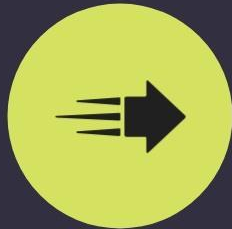
The only electoral outcomes the Task Force advocates for are free, fair, and safe elections in the United States.

# How we work



## Research & Analysis

- Rebutting Allegations of Widespread Voter Fraud by Noncitizens
- Candidate Succession Before Election Day



## Rapid Response

- Statement on the Democratic Party Replacing Its Presumptive Presidential Nominee
- National Task Force on Election Crises Condemns Attack At Former President Trump's Rally



## Task Force Advocates

- Pre-Debate Trends to Watch and Talking Points
- The 2024 Election Season Preview

Status update

Where we are today

# NAVIGATING 2024

Where we are in the election process



## ★ PRE-ELECTION ★ SEP 6 - OCT 18, 2024



## »» MAIL-IN VOTING BEGINS SEP 16 - OCT 27, 2024



NOV 5 - DEC 11, 2024

## RESULTS COUNT, CHECK, CANVASS, CERTIFICATION ★★★



## EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY ★★★ THROUGH NOV 5, 2024 ★★★

## CONVENING OF 119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

DEC 17, 2024

STATE ELECTORS CAST  
VOTES FOR PRESIDENT & VP



DEC 25, 2024  
ELECTOR CERTIFICATES  
AND VOTES DUE TO U.S.  
ARCHIVIST



JAN 3, 2025  
119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
SWORN IN



JAN 6, 2025  
CONGRESS COUNTS  
ELECTORAL  
COLLEGE VOTES



## ELECTORAL COLLEGE



# MAIL-IN VOTING

SEPTEMBER 16 – OCTOBER 27, 2024

- 1 Vote by Mail**
- 2 Votes Cast**
- 3 Secure Ballots**

## Safeguards and Requirements

- Proof of identity required when requesting ballots
- Voters can track their ballots on state websites
- Updated voting lists prevent people from voting by mail *and* in-person
- Deadlines vary for mail-in voting (received by Election Day or postmarked by a specific date)

# EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY

THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2024

## 1 Voting Machine Setup

## 2 Qualify & Assist Voters

## 3 Votes Cast

## 4 Independent Observation

## Safeguards and Requirements

- Beginning date ranges from September 20 (MN, SD, VA) to October 31 (KY)
- End dates range from October 29 (LA, PA) to November 5 (AK, CA, CO, HI, WA)
- Some states utilize in-person voting locations for early voting, others conduct it exclusively by mail
- Early voting became more widespread in 2020

# Any Questions?

Write them in the chat

Potential 2024 Disruptions

What **could** happen

# Potential developments during this stage



Mistakes or technical issues

Long lines or confusion

USPS disruptions

Severe weather



Exaggeration of errors

Claims of noncitizen voting

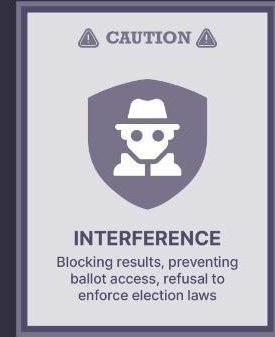
Sowing doubts about ballot security



Surveillance at drop boxes

Intimidation or clashes at polling places

Threats to election workers



Eligibility challenges

Mass record requests

Database hacking

# Deep Dive

Guardrails across states

- 95% of voters are in jurisdictions that use paper ballots or have paper backups.
- Bipartisan networks of poll workers - everyday people from the community - administer our elections.
- Election equipment goes through a competitive bidding process, certification, and public testing.
- Each state has rules for recounting and auditing the results.

Action

What **you** can do

# The Role of Task Force Advocates

How you can use your voice to help others navigate 2024



**1** Limit confusion and chaos

**2** Explain developments to your network

**3** Recruit additional Task Force Advocates

**4** Share Task Force analysis and messaging

# Messaging for Mail-in & Early Voting

- 1 The process is well-established and can be trusted.
- 2 If you vote by mail, please request and return your ballot early.
- 3 Safeguards are in place to prevent people from voting both in-person and by mail -- and to ensure that only eligible voters cast ballots.
- 4 Make your plan to vote, including tracking your mail-in ballot online



# NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON ELECTION CRISES

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